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The reply filed on 6/27/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment includes subject matter beyond that by original presentation, which would require further search and examination, beyond that required at in the original claims.. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Specifically, Applicant has added limitations, including in the base claim, to specific ave. molecular weight ranges for which the invention - a silagogue of polyglutamic acid must now fall within. The originally presented claims contained no limitations to any weight range for which the prior art of record would have had to have been searched to determine novelty/unobviousness thereof.

Had Applicant added this new subject matter to a claim marked (NEW), the claim simply would have been withdrawn as subject matter outside the scope of the originally filed/searched subject matter and continued with the review of any close not so comprising. However, since Applicant has amended the examined claims, including the base claims, therewith, this is not an option.

If the weight ranges of the product are deemed essential/material to the present invention or to overcoming the prior art of record, Applicant may wish to consider the filing of a continuation.

Conclusion

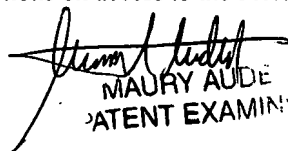
No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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